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3 MIAMI MEN INDICTED FOR COUNTERFEIT ID SALES

Federal agents seize hundreds of phony 'green cards', Social Security cards

MIAMI— Three Miami-area men have been arrested following their indictment on charges related to the production and sale of counterfeit identification cards that could be used to establish fraudulent identities, announced U.S. Attorney Marcos Daniel Jiménez of the Southern District of Florida and Special Agent-in-Charge Jesus Torres of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The separate indictments name Alex Lopez, Ever Geovanny Gonzales-Matamoros, and Helbert Herrera for charges that include fraud and misuse of employment and immigration documents, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a).

Lopez, a.k.a. "Esdras Olivier de Leon Majia" and "Belisario Ajanel Cruz," was indicted on 19 counts of forging Resident Alien cards --also called "green cards"-- and Social Security cards, and one count of possessing blank Social Security cards and Resident Alien cards.

According to the criminal complaint filed in conjunction with the arrest of Lopez, ICE agents searched Lopez's home and found blank sheets of Resident Alien cards, blank sheets of Social Security cards, several counterfeited, completed Social Security cards, numerous remnants of photographs where the head and torso had been cut out, an ink pad for creating thumb prints for the counterfeit Resident Alien cards, a typewriter, and a lamination machine.

ICE agents learned of Lopez's operation during the course of surveillance on Gonzalez-Matamoros, whom ICE agents apprehended when Gonzalez-Matamoros allegedly sold eight counterfeit documents to undercover agents posing as illegal immigrants. Gonzalez-Matamoros is indicted on four counts of causing Resident Alien cards and Social Security cards to be counterfeited and of possessing such documents.

As a result of the ICE operation, Herrera is charged in a separate indictment with two counts of causing Resident Alien cards and Social Security cards to be counterfeited and of possessing such documents.

If convicted, Lopez, Gonzalez-Matamoros, and Herrera each face a maximum statutory sentence of 10 years' imprisonment on each count and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robin S. Rosenbaum.

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